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Mr. Anthony Williams
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Re: Site 9, Proposed Parking Lot Construction, MW-NASB-022
Brunswick Naval Air Station

Dear Mr. Williams:

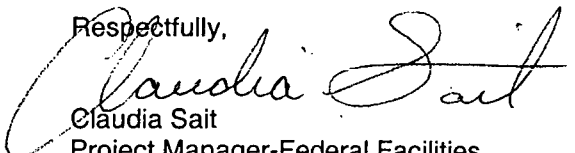
The Navy's request to decommission monitoring well MW-NASB-022, which is part of the Long Term Monitoring network for Site 9, to construct a new parking lot has been reviewed with regards to the value of data being collected at this sampling point. Groundwater samples and water level elevations have been collected at this well since the fall of 1998. The water level data have been valuable in the development of the potentiometric surface contour maps.

However, the well screen of MW-NASB-022 is relatively shallow (18 feet), and intercepts water just below the water table, and therefore, is not deep enough to monitor for contaminants that tend to follow the underlying clay surface. Monitoring at this shallow depth would more likely detect shallow fuel compounds (floaters) rather than the heavier chlorinated solvents. To date, no VOCs of concern have been detected during long-term monitoring at this well.

Therefore the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) concurs with the decommissioning of MW-NASB-022. Future contouring from measured groundwater elevations at other wells at Site 9 will test whether a replacement well in this vicinity is necessary. If it is deemed necessary, a replacement well should have its screen placed just above the clay surface.

If you have any regarding this matter please call me at (207) 287-7713 or email me at claudia.b.sait@maine.gov.

Respectfully,


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